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SUBJECT: WEAPONS BELONGING TO DOMINICAN AIR GUARDS

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 4641

1. FOLLOWING INFO OBTAINED BY STATE DEPARTMENT SECURITY
FROM JFK AIRPORT AUTHORITIES.

2. ON NOVEMBER 12 US CUSTOMS SEARCH TEAM BOARDED DOMINICANA
INCOMING FLIGHT 902 (OUTGOING 903) AFTER ITS ARRIVAL, FIND-
ING ONE CALIBER FORTY-FIVE HANDGUN SECRETED IN "LIQUOR KIT,"
WHICH IS NORMALLY USED FOR STORAGE OF DUTY-FREE LIQUOR WHILE
IN U.S. WEAPON REMOVED AND HELD IN US CUSTOMS UNTIL
DOMINICANA NOTIFIED, THEN IT WAS GIVEN TO DOMINICANA STATION
MANAGER FOR SAFEKEEPING PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. (USG REGULA-
TIONS REQUIRE THAT ALL WEAPONS CARRIED ABOARD INCOMING
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS BY AIR SECURITY GUARDS BE MANIFESTED
TO PERMIT STORAGE ABOARD AIRCRAFT WHILE IT ON GROUND. IF
NOT MANIFESTED, WEAPONS MUST BE SURRENDERED TO AIRLINE
STATION MANAGER FOR SAFE KEEPING PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, WHEN
THEY MAY BE RETURNED TO AIRCRAFT FOR SECURITY GUARD.) IN
THIS INSTANCE WEAPON NOT MANIFESTED. REPORT STATES
DOMINICANA STATION MANAGER RECEIVED IT TOO LATE FOR RETURN
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TO AIR SECURITY GUARD BECAUSE FLIGHT HAD ALREADY DEPARTED.

STATION MANAGER SAID HE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY DELAY IN FLIGHT
DEPARTURE ATTRIBUTABLE TO SEIZURE OF WEAPON.

3. JFK AUTHORITIES REPORT THAT THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY
RECEIVED COMPLAINT ABOUT CALIBER FORTY-FIVE HANDGUN
(SERIAL NUMBER 167735 ASSIGNED TO GUARD LT. PABLO RAFAEL
BELLAR ACOSTO) MISSING FROM DOMINICANA FLIGHT 903 ON
NOVEMBER SIXTH. THIS DISCOVERED WHEN OUTGOING FLIGHT WAS
AIRBORNE AND "LIQUOR KIT" OPENED. WHILE SEAL AND LOCK
INTACT, KIT APPARENTLY HAD BEEN OPENED BY FORCE. LOSS
RADIOED TO GROUND CONTROL. INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY, BUT
QUESTIONING OF KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES ABOARD AIRCRAFT
DEPENDENT UPON THEIR RETURN TO JFK. KISSINGER

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